

Over the last few months, many of us have noticed gradual increases in the cost of everyday bills. [Find Government, Church and general help here.](#)

Circumstances can change during your retirement, and there may be times when you need that extra bit of support and advice. These are some of the services and support that we can offer.

Welfare advice

Our Welfare Benefits Advisor can help you with:

- benefit claims
- checking your eligibility for certain benefits*
- maximising your income
- accessing grants from clergy charities
- advice around care and funding for care

* *There is a range of benefit calculators available online. [Here is an example.](#)*

Charitable grants

After helping you access any state benefits you might be entitled to, if you have a very low income and have limited savings or assets, we might be able to offer further help with a charitable grant. [Find out more in our grant leaflet.](#)

Housing support

We offer help and advice if your housing needs change during retirement. This includes considering what support may be needed to allow someone to live independently and comfortably in their own home for as long as possible.

Our Housing Support Officer can help with:

- directing you to local services and support that can assist with services such as cleaning, decluttering, or gardening
- offering general tenancy support to ensure you manage your home successfully
- providing advice about where to go to get assistance with aids and adaptations
- giving you options about alternative housing if your circumstances change

These services are available to all of the Board's customers, not just those in our community living schemes and rental properties.

Resources

To find local services for advice and support: [Advice Local](#)

For debt advice: [Step Change](#), [Christians Against Poverty](#), [Citizens Advice](#)

Other useful websites:

[Age UK](#)

[Grant Finder and Benefits Calculator](#)

[Tax Aid \(for those on low incomes\)](#)

[Help with Funeral Costs](#)

[Shelter - Housing Advice](#)

Getting in touch

If you would like to get in touch to see how we could help you, please email housingservices@churchofengland.org or contact our helpline by telephone on 020 7898 1824 (open 9am-5pm, Monday to Friday).

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